

NEWS ITEMS. GOVERNMENT CONTROL. VAILLANT. A BLIZZARD. FOREIGN NOTES. FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS. LOTS OF HOLES IN A SKIMMER!

**Chapman Jones, of the greenback party, has issued a call for a convention.**

**Fire destroyed the Phoenix brewery at Detroit.** Loss, \$10,000. Insurance small.

**First national bank of Arkansas City, Kas., has been permitted to reopen its doors.**

**Martin L. Kump, postmaster at Ironport, Ark., was shot by an unknown Negro.**

**A six-foot vein of coal was struck at Mascoutah, Ill., Friday at a depth of 115 feet.**

**The proprietors of Godoy's Magazine have made an assignment.** It is 34 years old.

**Gov. and Mrs. Albigel, of Illinois, left for Hot Springs, Thursday, to remain two weeks.**

**Lacy Evans died at Independence, Mo., aged 100 years.** She was a native of east Tennessee.

**Jan. A. Sargent, intoxicated, shot and killed his 15-year-old daughter at Maple Lake, Minn.**

**Mrs. Cora Arnold, a young school teacher of Haverhill, W. Va., drowned herself.** No cause.

**Louise Jenkins, a respectable woman, killed herself at Vincennes, Ind., Thursday, by taking morphine.**

**Col. J. D. Stevenson, who marched into California in 1848 with a regiment of New York volunteers, is dying.**

**Eastern's 5,000 unemployed gathered in the common market square, and threatened to march on the White House.**

**Archbishop Kahn has been appointed administrator of the venerable Archbishop Kenrick's diocese, St. Louis.**

**John Nell, the wealthy cotton planter in Arkansas, died at his residence near Little Rock Wednesday.**

**Chauncey M. Depew discusses the prospect of his intended marriage to Mrs. Elliot F. Shepard as both cruel and absurd.**

**Fire destroyed the public school building at Hartford City, W. Va., together with three residences.** Loss about \$10,000.

**After serving nine months City Engineer Pratt, a republican appointee, was confirmed by the democratic council at Portsmouth, O.**

**The Wednesday morning destroyed seventeen stores and other buildings at Montgomery, Ala.** Loss, \$100,000. Insurance, \$65,000.

**At Jacksonville, Fla., William Sauter, a plumber, of Dayton, O., overturned a pot of molten lead on his face. His eyesight was destroyed.**

**James Skinner, agent of the Great Northern railway, at Colburn, N. Dak., was murdered at the station by a party to conceal the crime.**

**James Smith, 40 years old, criminally assaulted, Minnie Hall, a child of 7, Thursday at Seymour, Ill. He escaped, but is pursued by an excited mob.**

**Senator Lindsay, of Kentucky, will vote for the confirmation of Judge Peckham, notwithstanding his legislative record, as revealed from his legislature.**

**The Ohio senate, by a vote of 11 to 13, defeated Mr. Burnham's bill to prohibit the management of the Ohio penitentiary from receiving United States prisoners.**

**Charles Randall, who left New York January 8 on a steamer of \$20,000 that he could walk to San Francisco by April 15, passed through Canton, Ill., at noon Friday.**

**Chairman Wilson, of the ways and means committee of the National house of representatives, arrived here on Friday, with his wife, seriously ill from a throat affection.**

**The receivers of the Northern Pacific railway will modify their order reducing wages. Details of the settlement will not be made public until Judge Jenkins has passed upon it.**

**In a cross petition filed at Springfield, O., Thursday, Mrs. Catherine Hannan of New Carlisle, Ohio, vs. Dr. J. M. Deas, for \$10,000 for neglect and omission in setting her broken limb.**

**At Stanford, Ky., A. C. Dunn, a peaceable citizen, Friday morning shot and killed John Taylor, a colored man, who was in the yard of Dunn's house, and who was in the act of shooting Dunn. Dunn got his out first.**

**The Dublin cotton congress, at Dublin, Tenn., valued at \$100,000, has been burned.** The property was insured by the Farmers' Mutual fire insurance company. The loss was about \$100,000.

**Two Indian skeletons were found in a sandpit Thursday near Riverton, Ind. They were those of a variegated and aged man, and a woman, who were killed by the Indians, and whose skulls were in an excellent state of preservation.**

**Nancy Marie Strong died some days ago, leaving a will which was admitted to probate at Milwaukee Wednesday, and which leaves \$100 to the Western Board of Missions of Illinois, and \$4,000 to the American Missionary society, New York.**

**Ten manufacturers of his plants at Swanton, Vt., who employed 2,000 hands, have closed down. Despite the passage of the Wilson bill in the American house of representatives, the depression in the tin plate industry seems to increase.**

**The will of ex-Gov. Rice, of Minnesota, leaving his property to his wife and daughter, is contested in Illinois by a Wisconsin estate which has a claim of \$100,000. Rice married the widow of the late Gov. Rice, and the children are his.**

**A wind storm, dangerously near a tornado, struck Peru, Ind., Friday afternoon. A number of stone buildings were destroyed, a hotel, barn, depot, school, numerous factory stores blown down, and great damage done to small buildings and trees. From reports it was feared throughout the country.**

**The police census of the unemployed in New York city reached the thirty-fourth anniversary of the city's existence Wednesday. It was accompanied by letters from both Gov. and Prof. Sargis Smith, under whose direction the census was taken. The number of families as ascertained was 4,551, comprising 10,701 persons, of whom 15,025 are usually employed.**

**At Grand Rapids, Mich., a buggy containing Mrs. Esther Meyer and Miss Mary Gray, while crossing the Grand Rapids & Indiana track was struck by a switch engine. Mrs. Meyer was killed outright, and Miss Gray severely wounded. She can not live.**

**Charles H. Price, alias John Porter, alias Penitentiary, one of the most notorious and clever crooks in the country, was arrested at St. Joseph, Mo., by the St. Joseph police, and taken to the city jail.**

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Congress will have a hard problem to solve soon in the complications which have arisen over the stock of the Union Pacific railroad now in the hands of receivers.** During the week there has been much quiet discussion over the matter, spurred on by the attention given to other embarrassments in the railroad situation arising from the management of funds by receivers. Mr. G. R. Huntington has been in Washington for several days in consultation with a part of the time with Senator Bruce, the chairman of the senate committee on Pacific railroads, and also with other senators and representatives. A result of his visit was the introduction of a bill for refunding the debt of the Union Pacific. Part of Mr. Huntington's time was spent in explaining his views to representatives of the house committee on Pacific railroads. This committee, however, seems disposed to permit the senate to take the initiative in proposing plans for adjusting the indebtedness of the railroad to the government. If it should go to work independently to devise a scheme of its own, trouble and some difference would probably ensue between the two bodies.

**Representative Reilly, of Pennsylvania, the chairman of the house committee, has conferred frequently with Senator Bruce on the subject, and is fully informed of the views of the senate committee. Several schemes for a settlement have been proposed to the house committee, but no one of them yet has received sufficient backing to justify its mention as a probability.**

**Said a member of the house committee: "This matter is going to be one of the most troublesome of the fifty-third congress will have to deal with. Its perplexities are greatly enlarged by the strong populist sentiment in congress, which regards all corporations, and particularly railroad corporations, with severity."**

**Hon. Jerry Simpson, the populist leader, says that the government should buy the Union Pacific outright and run it. "If we succeed with it," he would be a step toward government control of railroads," he added.**

**MANIACS WORK.**

**Farmer Artman, near Tell City, Ind., became mad and stomped the life out of his wife and 17-year-old son.**

**TELL CITY, Ind., Feb. 13.—Coroner Labhard, of this city, was summoned about 1 o'clock Monday to go to the home of Wm. H. Artman, a farmer, living about six miles northeast of Tell City. It had been reported that Artman, and his entire family, consisting of wife and five children, had been murdered.**

**When Coroner Labhard arrived at the scene of the murder he found this only partly true. John Reile and William Naegle, two of Artman's neighbors, had been to his house and found him lying on the floor face downward, alongside the dead bodies of his wife and 17-year-old son. Artman rushed at them like an infuriated wild beast, and it was with great difficulty that he was subdued and tied securely.**

**The body of Mrs. Artman was lying on the floor, and the bodies of both children showed that Artman overpowered them and stamped the life out of them with the heels of his heavy cowhide boots. The bodies were both horribly mutilated and bruised. The other four children ran half naked, and covered with blood to a neighbor's house, and escaped sharing the same fate. Religious excitement is ascribed as the cause of Artman's madness.**

**HUNDREDS KILLED.**

**Another report swells the fatality list to appalling numbers.**

**BUEYOS AYRES, Feb. 13.—Dispatches received here bring some details of the last battle on Friday last between the rebels and government forces at Rio de Janeiro. A general engagement was fought close to Niteroi, the rebels engaging the government at gunpoint. The fight was desperate, and it is said to have resulted in the loss of 100,000 men on the government side. The rebels were eventually compelled to retire.**

**Disensions exist among the ministers of President Peixoto, and a crisis is reported. It is stated that President Peixoto, contrary to the advice of some of his ministers, has decided to prolong the state of siege, and some of his ministers may resign in consequence.**

**TORREON, Kan., Feb. 13.—A great many people are wondering what Gov. Leavelle is going to do with Mrs. Leavelle, since the supreme court has decided that he can not remove her from the house of detention. A local reporter here said he thought Mrs. Leavelle was unbalanced mentally. He said he could find ways to get rid of her if he wanted to, but he would not state how he would do so. He said Mrs. Leavelle was so dead with the populist party that she could not trouble anyone.**

**TWO DROWNED.**

**PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 13.—J. W. Tracy, a deputy sheriff and wealthy landowner, unmarried, and Andrew McCourt, a prominent farmer, having a wife and three children, attempted to cross the river near Addison, Webster county, on a boat, and both were drowned. Their bodies have not been recovered.**

**Dr. Holas indicted.**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 13.—Dr. Wm. H. Holas, a physician who was arrested in Appleton, Wis., on February 6, is issued an open letter on Saturday to Gov. Peckham demanding protection by that official and demanding that the right of free speech be protected. Since informs the governor that he intends to deliver a lecture at Kaukauna, Wis., where his address was interrupted last month, that between one and two thousand men will go with him, and that if they are not given protection by the authorities they will protect themselves. A full investigation of the Kaukauna and Appleton affairs is also demanded.**

**The Columbian National Bank.**

**CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Re-Bank Examiner Burgess, in an interview regarding the story that had been removed from his official position because he had borrowed money from the defunct Columbian National bank and misappropriated it, says frankly that he borrowed money from the bank and that he was not found until the next morning. His young brother Will, with whom he had some trouble lately over the settlement of the family estate, and a Negro who worked for the bank, he says, were charged with the crime.**

**THE RUSSO-GERMANY TREATY IS NOW A FACT.**

**A Big Paris Bank in the Liquidator's Hands.—Rumored Death of King Louisburg.—Grand Old Man of Paris, Chipper and Sprightly.**

**BRUSSELS, Feb. 12.—The Russo-German treaty has been signed for both countries.**

**PARIS, Feb. 12.—On the demand of the Bank of France the Banque d'Escompte has been placed in the hands of a liquidator.**

**As already carried to the Associated Press, Baron Soubeyrin, ex-deputy and a director of the Banque d'Escompte, was arrested on charges connected with the management of the bank and the directors resigned on the Bank of France demanding a judicial liquidation.**

**PARIS, Feb. 12.—Mr. Gladstone and his party arrived here Saturday morning by numbers of people who had gathered on the platform. The British premier was in excellent spirits and left at 10:30 a. m. for London.**

**CARLETON, Feb. 12.—It is rumored here that King Louisburg is dead.**

**LONDON, Feb. 12.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Vienna says: An officer of the general staff has been arrested charged with the grave crime of forging checks to the amount of 20,000 florins. The officer belongs to a high family, but he was a persistent gambler and he is also alleged to have had a liaison with an actress.**

**A KENTUCKY FARMER.**

**Murdered Near Ellettsville.—The Coroner's Jury Finds Two Men Guilty.**

**ELLETTSVILLE, Ky., Feb. 13.—The dead body of John Boyd, a young farmer, living a few miles north of this place, in Todd county, was found near the home of Mrs. Harris, a widow. The coroner's inquest added evidence as follows:**

**John Boyd, the murdered man, was seen in company with "Dandy" Gibson, known also as "Dandy" Brewer, and James Gibson, who is also known as James Jones. They had been to Ed Stokes' distillery and all filled up on whisky and then went to the home of the widow Harris.**

**The most important witness before the coroner's jury was a man named Harris, son of the widow. He stated that when the three men started to leave the house they were all very drunk, and when they had gone only a short distance a quarrel ensued, which resulted in James getting killed with a rock.**

**After the fight the three returned to the house for a short time and again left together.**

**This was the last seen of Boyd until his dead body was found in the woods by J. M. Hightower while out rabbit hunting.**

**The body was stiff, and had evidently been dead several hours. It was taken to a cabin near by. Over the left eye was a large black bruise that had evidently been made by an instrument that had a smooth surface.**

**The nose had bled profusely. A similar blow had been received on the right cheek. The absence of the two young men, Brewer and Jones, was conspicuous in the resolution of rest on the neighborhood, and it is generally believed they have fled the country.**

**All the evidence indicated their guilt, and the jury rendered a verdict recommending their immediate arrest and an investigation by the grand jury.**

**FOURTH MURDER.**

**Human Life Continues to Be Cheap Around Birmingham.**

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 13.—Paul Loomis, an aged Greek merchant, is in jail for the murder of his wife. Shortly after dark Sunday night residents in the neighborhood of where Loomis lived heard piercing screams, and rushing out saw Loomis dragging the prostrate form of his wife across the street. When he saw the people coming he fled, pursued by a large crowd, who caught him. The police arrived in time to hurry Loomis to jail.**

**The woman had a wound three inches deep in her head. Beside her lay a heavy spade, which was covered with blood. Shortly after the murder the only cause known for the murder is that it resulted from a domestic quarrel. Loomis acknowledged the crime but refused to talk further. This is the fourth murder in and around Birmingham within two days.**

**FRANCE MAY LOSE THE PANAMA CANAL.**

**PANAMA, Feb. 13.—If no satisfactory arrangement be reached before October the Panama canal will pass definitely from the hands of Frenchmen, is a fact not to be disputed. The Colombian government is disgusted, and will on no consideration whatever renew the franchise if it be again allowed to lapse.**

**CHILD SURE TO DIE.**

**HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Feb. 13.—While playing with a party of children at her home, the wife of J. L. Turner, the nine-year-old daughter of James Turner, accidentally set fire to her clothing at the grate, and was so severely burned before the flames could be extinguished that she died in a few hours.**

**THE STRAW CATCHER.**

**MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 13.—Mrs. SHAW, the wife of a farmer, was killed by a straw blazer which she was using to keep her feet warm. The straw blazer was unexpectedly and her clothing caught fire, burning her frightfully before help arrived. Her recovery is doubtful.**

**TWO COAL BOATS SUNK.**

**REHOBOTH, N. H., Feb. 12.—The steamer Josiah Cook, of Pittsburgh, ran into a Baltimore & Ohio railroad bridge pier here Sunday afternoon, and sank two coal boats and one barge, containing about 15,000 barrels of coal. No lives were lost.**

**WEBSTER IS CLAY.**

**CORCORAN, N. H., Feb. 13.—Carl Corcoran, the New York sculptor, has just completed the clay model of Webster from which the new marble statue ordered by the last legislature will be made. Competent judges pronounce it one of the finest works of art ever seen in this state.**

**A SHIPWRECK IN KANSAS.**

**ENID, Okla., Feb. 13.—The worst blizzard and snow storm experienced here for years prevailed all day Monday. The snow is twelve to fourteen inches deep, with no appearance of abating.**

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